



Propane Watch

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- U.S. inventories of propane moved higher last month but lagged about one-third below the 5-year average build for April. Stockholders added a relatively modest 3.2 million barrels (MMB) to U.S. inventories which measured an estimated 24.8 MMB as of April 30, 2000. Moreover, U.S. inventories remain more than 15 MMB below the level for this time last year.
- Regional inventories turned up in all major areas of the Nation last month, especially in the Gulf Coast region where stocks reported the largest gain, measuring over 2 MMB. East Coast inventories reported a nearly 0.2 MMB gain, while Midwest inventories climbed by 0.9 MMB. East Coast inventories were at the lower limit and Gulf Coast inventories tracked slightly below the lower limit of their respective average ranges last month. Midwest inventories tracked significantly below the normal range during this same period.
- **The next *Propane Watch*, which will include inventory data as of May 31, 2000, will be released at 4:00 p.m. on June 7, 2000.**

Propane Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I, II, and III (Thousand Barrels)

Districts	March 1999	April 1999	Month Ending				
			03/31/00	04/30/00	05/31/00	06/30/00	07/31/00
East Coast (PADD I)	1,875	2,883	E2,499	E2,654			
Midwest (PADD II)	14,038	16,437	E7,244	E8,130			
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	18,763	19,713	E11,045	E13,132			
Total (PADD I-III)	34,676	39,033	E20,788	E23,916			
U.S. Total	35,859	40,157	E21,558	E24,801			

E=Estimated data.

R=Revised.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Petroleum Supply Reporting System and Form EIA-807, "Propane Telephone Survey."

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